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SUBJECT: NY TIMES ON US ARMS AID TO ISRAEL

1. BOTH AFTERNOON PAPERS MARCH 14 BANNER CITATION OF BEECHER ARTICLE IN NY TIMES TO EFFECT THAT PRESIDENT NIXON PROMISED PRIMIN MEIR SUPPLY OF 24 PHANTOMS AND 24 SKYHAWKS OVER NEXT TWO YEARS AND ALSO PROMISED US TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL IN LATTER' S MANUFACTURE OF A SUPER MIRAGE USING PARTS SMUGGLED OUT OF FRANCE. IN EXTENSIVE QUOTATIONS OF BEECHER ARTICLE, PAPERS SAY EXACT NUMBERS OF US AIRCRAFT TO BE PROVIDED TO ISRAEL ARE NOT YET WORKED OUT, BUT THAT 24:24 FIGURES WERE USED BY HIGH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AS ILLUSTRATIVE.

2. NEAR END OF ARTICLES IN ISRAELI PRESS, BRIEF MENTION IS MADE OF REPORTED STATEMENT BY DEFENSE AND DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS THAT THIS PROVISION OF FURTHER US ARMS ASSISTANCE SHOULD ENABLE ISRAEL TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE ON MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT ISSUES AND TAKE BIGGER CHANCES FOR SAKE OF PEACE.
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